

Poway Stamp Club Newsletter

San Diego County's Best Stamp Collecting Club

April 8, 2020

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Poway Stamp Club

The Club goals are "to promote a closer social relationship among stamp collectors of Poway, San Diego and vicinity, and to assist in spreading the knowledge of stamps and the pleasures derived from stamp collecting to those interested in philately."

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Next Meeting:

NOTICE:

All Club meetings are postponed until further notice.

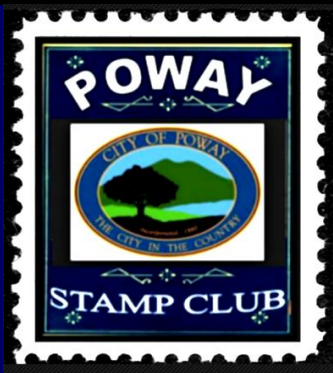
Next Meeting: Our next Poway Stamp Club meeting will be scheduled when our Club President and/or Board have reason to believe that the current uncertain times have passed in regards to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The **Poway Stamp Club** Newsletter will continue to be produced and sent out to club members. We will utilize this Newsletter and emails to communicate with our membership the status of our clubs activity.

Please contact the club Secretary at PSCPhilately@gmail.com with any information that you would like to have disseminated to the entire club during these uncertain times. Also, please keep us informed of yours or other club members' health situation as appropriate.

Please take advantage of this Newsletter to continue your collecting, all members are allowed a free add in this newsletter, you could use the add to trade or swap stamps with other members via the USPS while we are all isolated. Our website www.powaystampclub.com has a page dedicated to things you can do with your collection while we are in quarantine.

As of this newsletter, we have not identified any "confirmed" cases of Covid-19 within our membership. (knock on wood) Everyone please stay safe....



2020 PSC Club Officers:

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On the page one header is a SC #949 - 1947 3c The Doctor In 1947 the United States released the Doctors Issue to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the AMA. Individual doctors, like Dr. Crawford Long and Dr. Walter Reed, had been honored in the Famous American Issue of 1940; but no stamp had been issued to commemorate the profession that has so positively impacted the lives of all Americans. A total 132,902,000 stamps of the 3-cent Doctors Issue were issued by the Post Office Department.

Club Meeting Presentations

The following is this year's proposed meeting schedule; all events are proposed and subject to change as necessary to accommodate other events such as Auctions etc.

2020 (Proposed) PSC Meeting Schedule

April	Apr 8, 2020	Cancelled due to Health Crisis
----- All future Meetings are Postponed for Now -----		
	Apr 22, 2020	Cancelled due to Health Crisis
May	May 13, 2020	Club Donations Voice Sale & Circuit Book Meeting
	May 27, 2020	The 2 nd Annual "Ugly Stamp" Contest. Honors and Prizes!
June	Jun 10, 2019	Club Donations Voice Sale & Circuit Book Meeting
	Jun 24, 2019	Poway Stamp Club Auction
July	Jul 8, 2019	Club Donations Voice Sale & Circuit Book Meeting
	Jul 22, 2019	Bill W --- Holy Stamps
August	Aug 12, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting
	Aug 26, 2019	Bill Kolb --- Penny Black
September	Sep 09, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting
	Sep 23, 2019	David Klauber – TBD
October	Oct 14 2019	Circuit Book Meeting
	Oct 28, 2019	Poway Stamp Club Auction
November	Nov 11, 2019	Circuit Book Meeting
December	--- TBD ---	<i>Holiday Party</i>



**POWAY STAMP
CLUB
APS #1137-112097**

Club meetings are held every
second and fourth
Wednesday of each month
except November &
December at:

Philatelic Library
12675 Danielson Ct #413,
Poway, CA 92064

More info at:
www.powaystampclub.com

Participation

All Stamp Club and Library
members are strongly
encouraged to provide input
for the bi-monthly Club
newsletter. Your knowledge
and expertise should really
be shared. Please submit
items to the Club Secretary
at:

PSCphilately@gmail.com

Club Website

Try our new website at:

PowayStampClub.com

You will find our activities
and affiliations, interesting
links, contact information
including the current and
previous versions of this
Newsletter! Give it a try!
You can use the Web
Presence to introduce
others to our Club.

Club Notes:

1. **Club Membership Dues Are Due!** – Remember that annual dues are payable in January. Keep in good standing with the PSC and help to support your club.
2. **Poway Stamp Club** – Now is a great time to develop a stamp presentation to support our new Program Coordinator who is requesting that all interested club members please advise him of any ideas/projects they may have for meeting programs. You may e-mail Bill Wacenske at: stampdude03@gmail.com or call 805-581-2923.
3. **SWAPEX – The Philatelic Library is closed until further notice and as such SWAPEX is cancelled until further notice.**
4. **SANDIPEX 2020 – Sunday April 5th (Officially Cancelled)**

San Diego Philatelic Expo SANDIPEX Stamp Show
Free Admission! – Free Parking!
Doors Open from 10am – 4pm

The show in its 17th year is located just 4 blocks to the north of the Philatelic Library on Poway Road. The show is held at the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #2543, 13219 Poway Road Poway, CA 92064 . The following is a list of the current 2020 SANDIPEX Monthly show dates.

JANUARY 19	2020 OUR 17TH YEAR	JULY 12
FEBRUARY 9		AUGUST 9
MARCH 8		SEPTEMBER 20
APRIL 5		OCTOBER 11
MAY 3		NOVEMBER 8
JUNE 14		DECEMBER 13

Email: cbestamp@aol.com &
Sandipex.stampexpo@gmail.com

5. **Future Voice Sales (Tentative)** - The Poway Stamp Club will be holding future full meeting Voice sales on:
June 24th and Oct 28th

The Philatelic Library will hold its Auctions on the previous Saturdays: **June 20th and October 17th**

Additionally a “**Garage Sale**” will be held at the Library on **August 1st**.

6. **FYI – Costco** during the crisis is having special senior hours in Poway.

M-F 10:00am - 8:30pm

Sat. 9:30am - 6:00pm

Sun. 10:00am - 6:00pm

Senior Hour*: 8 am - 9 am, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Good Friday, April 10: Open

Easter Sunday, April 12: Closed

*Senior hour is reserved for members who are over the age of 60 or have physical disabilities

7. **Support your Club** – With over **57 members**, the Poway Club is San Diego County's most active Stamp Club. Feel free to forward this Newsletter to anyone you think may find it interesting. You may also support the club by joining the APS. The club will receive a finder's fee for each member who joins the society. Let the stamp community know that we are an alive, vibrant and thriving club!

8. **WANTED** – Members or guests to tell a stamp story. The Poway Stamp Club invites you to share your philatelic passion by giving a presentation at one of our meetings or by writing a short article for our newsletter. If you are interested, or want to find out more, e-mail pscphilately@gmail.com or talk to one of our Club's officers.

9. **Booby Head** – The first Plimpton (1874) die of the 10 cent stamp on which the head of Washington is extremely large. Not to be confused with Well Never Mind... ;)

10. **Beater** – In Philately, a machine consisting of a tank containing a roller which rides against a bed-plate used in the production of fibrous slurry. Not to be confused with a man's tight fitting, ribbed, sleeveless, white cotton undershirt. An item often worn by Marlon Brando. ;)

11. **Bisects** – Stamps cut in half, diagonal or vertical, to prepay postage.

12. **Mail-O-Meters** – Type of privately perforated stamps of the United States used by the Mail-o-Meter vending and affixing machines.

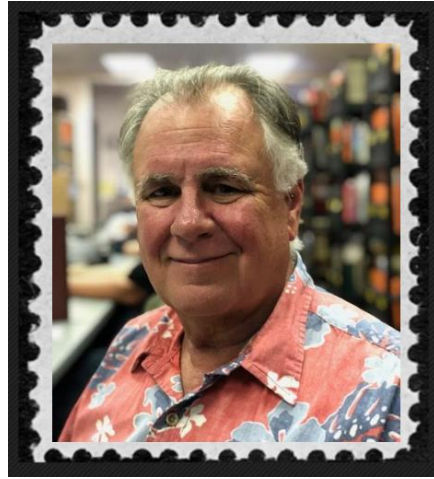
13. **Center Line** – Horizontal or vertical lines dividing sheets of stamps.

14. Catalogue Value – The valuation placed on a stamp by the compiler of a general or special catalogue. The Values states are generally not the true selling price. - *Caveat Emptor* –

15. Double Paper –A patent paper invented by Mr. Charles F. Steel, who also invented the “grill” embossing applied to certain U.S. Stamps. This paper consisted of two layers a thin surface paper and a thick backing paper, designed to be a safeguard against successful removing of cancellations by crooks. – *WPG 1933* --

Member Spotlight!

By: Jon Schrag



The Poway Stamp Club Newsletter highlights one of its members each issue. Today's spotlight is on **HARRY GRAF.**

His ancestors proudly fought in the AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR! But the problem was they were paid German mercenaries fighting for England against the American colonists. They lost! And immediately after the German fighters and their BRIT employers lost, the Americans quickly noticed the “hard work” and “no nonsense” qualities of the former German fighters and invited them to stay on for the GREAT EXPERIMENT. And that is why today HARRY GRAF is member # 430 of the Poway Stamp Club!

Ask Harry what he collects and he will always say USA (first) and then add “and GERMANY.” And yes, with the name GRAF he has excellent knowledge of the famous zeppelin stamps issued by both countries.

Why is HARRY GRAF considering adding CANADA to his collecting interests? He has very good reasons!



Definitions

The following definition of EFO and other terms is here in support of the ongoing Editors Corner series on EFO's and Counterfeits.

EFO is the shorthand for "Error, Freak, or Oddity". It's a term applied to philatelic items that were formed unintentionally abnormal.

Errors: Are usually "major" errors having catalog status where something in the process has gone entirely wrong. Examples of "errors" are consistent, unintentional deviations from the normal and typically are stamps that are wrongly perforated, both between or completely imperforated, FULL color(s) omitted, inverts, multiple impressions, missing watermarks or tagging and FULL stamps on either side of an interpane gutter, etc.

Freaks: Also called "varieties", are generally defined as a lesser degree of production problem. Typically freaks have flaws that are not consistent or do not have catalog status. Examples of freaks include ink smudges, off center perforation shifts, partially missing colors or color shifts, pre-printing paper folds, paper creases, over or under inked stamps, and so forth. Freaks often sell for less than their "error" counterparts. Printing plate cracks, wear and other flaws such as repairs or re-entries are freaks and not typically considered to be errors.

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Editors Corner

By D. Klauber

Varieties & EFOs Part XVII



(US) Double Paper Banknote Issues

Do you have a "true" Double Paper stamp? If you do then you may have a valuable rarity. Examples of the Double Paper banknotes can demand very high prices. The stamp pictured below has a Scott Catalogue Value of \$600.00; this is not bad for a typically lower valued and generally common banknote stamp. So for the banknote collector identifying a double paper is important and this article is aimed at arming you with the knowledge needed to identify them.



Scott #158 Unused 3c Banknote
Double Paper Variety
(Photo Courtesy D. Klauber)

DOUBLE PAPER STAMPS – The paper they are printed on is not considered a true paper type and most importantly it is not "**Double Thick**", rather it is a style of paper that consists of two separate paper layers. They should not be confused with Double joint papers that result from the extension of coils where the two lengths of coiled paper are overlapped, and a seam is formed creating a double thickness of paper or "pasting up" of the connecting coil stamps.

Oddities: The catch-all category for anything that is left. Oddities can be subtle problems that do not have catalog status. Examples can be cancel and plate varieties, inverted USPS cancels, very minor perforation shifts, minor color shifts, etc. Most oddities are a curiosity and have lower EFO values.

There continues to be a debate about the definition of freaks vs oddities. This is one area where a classification can be a matter of personal opinion.

Frequently the debate is over pre-printing paper folds and centers on how minor (oddy) or how major (freak) a fold is. As it turns out, one mans freak, is a another mans oddity.

Counterfeit, Forgery, or Fake.

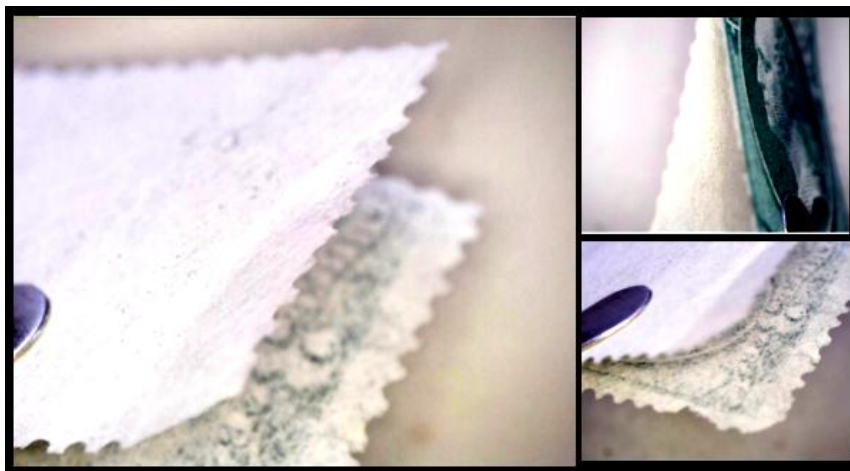
Counterfeit: Fraudulent reproduction of a stamp meant to defraud the issuing authority. (Typically used as postage)

Forgery: fraudulent reproduction or alteration of a stamp meant to defraud (not the issuing authority), In philately, forged stamps are altered to defraud the buyer.

Fakes An imitation stamp, or reprint. There are many fakes on the market, typically sold as fakes they are rarely sold as genuine. In philately, fakes are an expression of art are not offered as genuine to defraud. (reprints may be considered fakes)

For more information on definitions of and values for many EFOs. See the S.R. Dazt book, "*Catalogues of Errors on US Postage Stamps.*"

Many examples of these "Paste-ups" stamps are being sold on EBay and HipStamp and should not be confused with "true" double paper stamps.

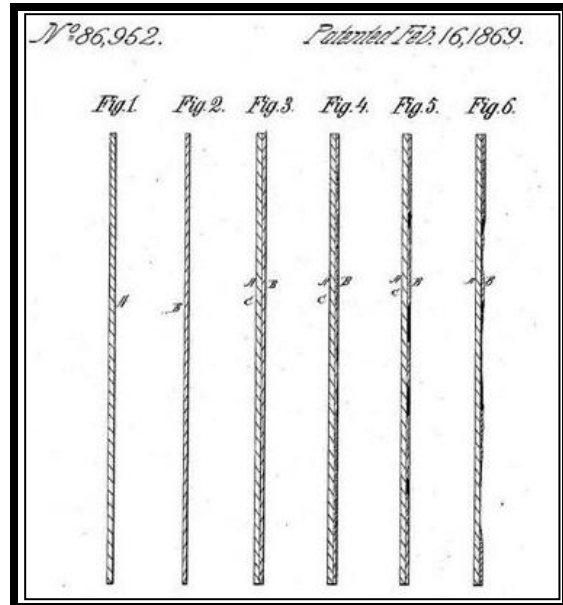


Scott #158 Unused 3c Continental Double Paper Variety
(Photos Courtesy D. Klauber)

Moreover, double paper stamps use a patented process that utilizes a duplex or two-ply paper having two different papers bonded together to form a single finished sheet of paper. The first ply of paper was made very absorbent and would take the cancellation easily. The second ply was sized with a sticky substance, used to make the paper stiff and very much stronger. The idea being that any attempt to remove a cancellation would destroy the surface layer and therefore the stamp itself.

The Steel Patents - In 1869 double papers were first patented and used in the 1870s, by the Continental Bank Note Company and were considered experimental in nature. The paper type was invented and patented by C.F. Steel and consisted of two thin sheets of different character, substance, tint, or color cemented together. The paper was designed to prevent forgery, erasure, and tampering. It was used experimentally for printing a number of the U.S 1873 (official) issues. The following diagram from the original Steel patent shows in 6 progressive figures the strata and composition of the new stamp paper.

Steel was with this invention, exploiting the government's apprehension over counterfeiting and washing of stamp cancellations. Steel started a second set of paper experiments in March 1875, while working at the new Continental banknote contractor's printing plant. His second patent seems to have reversed the order of the papers adding an additional layer of starch to stiffen the final product.



First Patent for C.F. Steels Improved Stamp Papers¹

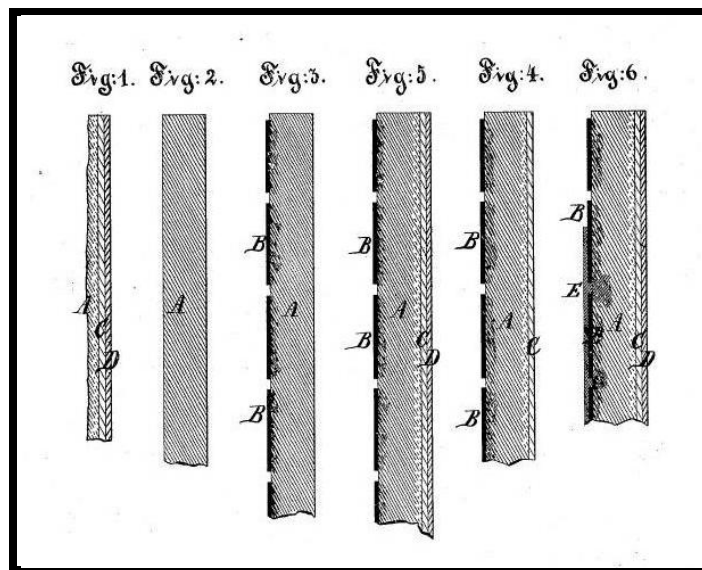
The January 1877 *Coin and Stamp Journal* reported on the 1875 Steel experiment.

*"It is not generally known, and will be news to our collectors, that about a year ago, 20,000,000 stamps were issued to the public, printed on double paper. The upper portion receiving the impression was soft and porous and it was supposed that any attempt to clean off the canceling mark would render the impressed portion perfectly pulpy and thus effectively destroy it. The stamps did not meet with much favor and the plan was abandoned."*³

George Sloane reported alternately, that from January 1, 1875 until April 15th, **28 million** such stamps were issued. That they were ordered withdrawn on the 15th because of complaints from postmasters that the top layer of paper had a tendency to shrink away from the heavier backing causing tears, resulting in confusion in accounts, loss of time, and great waste as a consequence of stock that was returned from the post offices. In theory, when double paper was soaked off an envelope, it would separate and the top layer on which the stamp was printed would be so thin that the stamp printing would disintegrate.

That was the theory! In practice, as often as not, the paper did not separate when soaked because it was glued too well. And sometimes, especially on hot, humid days, the stamp would separate spontaneously.

In addition to these double paper issues some experimental double paper issues were applied to the 1881 re-engage American Banknote Company issues (Scott 206, 207 and 209). It is not clear when last experiment was actually stopped or to what extent that the top layer was a thin soft paper, many of the thin paper stamps do not fit Steels' second patent, but it is not improbable that a reverse paper process was used with a thin hard paper on top and a thicker soft paper below.³



Second Patent for C.F. Steels Improved Stamp Papers¹

IDENTIFYING DOUBLE PAPER STAMPS – On Steels' double paper issues, the base paper is comparatively thick at approximately .0025" and a thinner top sheet which measures about .0012" making the total average thickness of the duplex paper to be .0037". It has been noted that double paper stamps have been found ranging in thickness from .0035-.0041.² So when a collector is sorting suspect double paper stamps any stamp which exceeds .0034" should be laid aside for further analysis.

Many of the denominations of the **1873 issues** have been reported as double paper, (156-161, 163 and 165) through the 30¢, as well as the 2¢ (178) and 5¢ (179) of **1875 issues**. Scott also identifies NBC issues of 148 and 153 in (1870-71) as also having experimental double paper issues for the 6c and 24c stamps respectively. In one article there is a claim that color is one of the methods that can be used to identify a double paper issue.²

Do you have Items of interest or photos of PSC philatelic interest to share?

If yes, you can submit them to the editor of the PSC Newsletter for inclusion in our newest Newsletter Club Wanderings page.

“double papers can be distinguished by the color of the ink which does not print as clearly on the thin surface paper and the muddier look of the thicker paper when held up to the light.”

However the Editor has not noticed that there is any color difference between the double paper and not double paper varieties he has examined. Rather, the stamps resemble a softer paper in appearance but not as (honeycombed) or mottled. It is necessary to examine known examples which should be studied to become proficient. Given the cost of these examples, this will normally not be an obtainable option.

Double Paper.

- 1876.
- 1 cent dark ultramarine
 - 2 cents dark brown
 - 3 cents green, dark green, pale blue-green
 - 6 cents dull rose
 - 10 cents brown
 - 30 cents gray-black
 - 2 cents scarlet-vermilion
 - 5 cents dark blue

Variety:

3 cents dark blue-green. Surface paper weakened by short horizontal cuts.

Soft Porous White Wove Paper.

- 1878.
- 1 cent pale blue, sky blue
 - 3 cents gray-green, deep gray-green

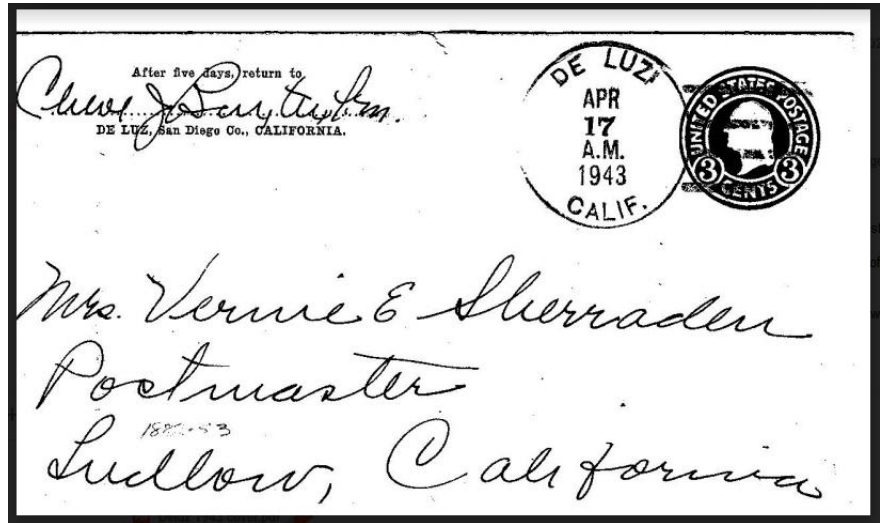
Again, **Varieties** & EFO's make an exciting and educational addition to any stamp collection for they speak to us about how stamps are produced and how mistakes can be made during the production of stamps.

1. US : Paper : Double Paper, 06/2011, stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=15871
2. The U.S. 3c Green 1870 1887, H.L. Wiley. pp. 8
3. R. J. Sutton 6th edition revised by K. W. Anthony; The Stamp Collector's Encyclopedia, 1966

Local Interest

By Bill O'Connor

Lost Post Offices of San Diego



De Luz, Image Courtesy Bill O'Connor

Another in the series of San Diego lost post offices. This one is from De Luz just north of Fallbrook. The post office was first opened 22 October 1882.

I have not found the exact ending of this post office, but it had to have been post 1960. I have a post card of this tiny post office, at one time considered the smallest in America.



I seem to have lost my Tongs?

Soapbox

By T. Klauber

THE GREAT STAMP CHALLENGE

While we all find ways to spend our time during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will offer up this quiz. The last Newsletter Quiz answers are below.

Quiz April 8, 2020

1. On August 15, 1947, a stamp was issued in Bath, Maine. What industry did it honor?
A) Steel manufacturing B) Ship building C) Maple syrup
2. In what year did the US end domestic airmail service?
A) 1977 B) 1987 C) 1997
3. "Old Faithful" appears on a 1972 commemorative. In what national park is it located?
A) Grand Canyon B) Yosemite C) Yellowstone
4. What animal appears on the thirty-cent definitive of 1922-25?
A) Bald eagle B) Buffalo C) Timber wolf
5. Who is on the twelve cent 1938 definitive?
A) Zachary Taylor B) Millard Fillmore C) James K. Polk
6. What athletic activity is depicted on the 1979 Olympic postal card? A) Sprinting B) High jump C) Swimming
7. What is the middle denomination of the Graf Zeppelin issues?
A) \$1.20 B) \$1.25 C) \$1.30
8. What author appears on the three-cent stamp in the Famous American series?
A) R W Emerson B) E A Poe C) N Hawthorne
9. What is the name of the lamp shown on the fifty-cent stamp in the Americana issue of 1975-79?
A) Iron Betty B) Iron Mike C) Iron Maiden
10. What vehicle is shown on the ten-cent special delivery stamp of 1922?
A) Motorcycle B) Bicycle C) Train

Last Quiz Answers: 1.A, 2. B, 3. C, 4. A&C, 5.B, 6. C, 7. All, 8. C, 9. B, 10.A, 11. C, 12. C, 13. B, 14. A, 15. A, 16. A, 17. C, 18. C, 19. C, 20. A.



Member Classifieds

If you would like to have a **Free** advertisement in the PSC Newsletter, please email: PSCphilately@gmail.com

For Sale: Want lists serviced for stamps of Puerto Rico. Fill holes in your collection with mostly lower catalog value stamps. See Bob at a PSC meeting or call 858-278-7873

Bob Schappelle

For Sale: Worldwide sets, Singles and Souvenir sheets. 60% off Catalog to all Club Members. Offer valid anywhere you see me. Phone: 714-476-3698 Email: CBCSTAMP@AOL.com.

Chuck Bigler.

For Sale: \$525. Cat of worldwide souvenir sheets, some high Cat machins. \$100. Call **Duane** at 858-735-3800

Duane Pryhoda

For Sale: Stamps at Bargain Prices, Come and see my Stock. By appointment so please call to set up a time. Home Phone: 858-271-0262 Mobile Phone: 858-449-3047 **Al Kish**

Wanted: Topicals on the following subjects: spiders, trilobites, Shih Tzu dogs, lunar new year [year of, etc.], paintings by Manet, Delacroix, Gericault, David, Brueghel. U.S. 1893 Columbian issue errors, freaks and oddities. Top dollar paid for Columbian plate varieties especially double transfers. **For Sale:** large selection of used and mint Australia, Great Britain, and Japan including single stamps and souvenir sheets at a fraction of catalog value. Email your want list to Bob McArthur (rmcarthur@cox.net) or bring to a PSC meeting.” **Bob McArthur**

Wanted: Puerto Rico Town cancels. Bring to meeting. Will trade or buy. See member **M. Marti** PSC # 410.

Wanted: Imperial China, PRC, Manchukuo, Mongolia, U.S. Double Transfers/Re-entries, U.S. 19th Century Proofs and Essays. U.S. 19th Century. See D & T Klauber at Wednesday PSC meeting or contact us at Indysmama@gmail.com.

San Diego Philatelic Library

The San Diego Philatelic Library is Currently Closed due to the Pandemic.

The San Diego County Philatelic Library is a not-for-profit philatelic library in Poway, San Diego County, California. Operated by friendly volunteers. Your stamp library consists of approximately 16,000 volumes of books, monographs, catalogs, and periodicals.

Library Loose Stamps

The Philatelic library provides a large bucket of assorted stamps for visitor inspection. Please remember to always leave a suitable contribution for any stamp items removed from the bucket.

Library Hours:

The Library hours vary based upon who can take a shift, the hours usually are:

10 to 2:00	Monday
12 to 5:30	Tuesday
12 to 3:00	Wednesday
10 to 2:00	Thursday
12 to 6:00	Friday
1 to 5:00	Saturday

Plus additional hours by appointment only.

Supplies:



Thanks to Chris Diaz at Stamp Paraphernalia for updating their PSC site information on the net.

Check out their online store for all your Philatelic supply needs.

Subscription Services: Bill Wacenske a Member of the PSC recommends Scott A. Shaulis for the purposes of purchasing Quality US stamps. Scott Shaulis provides a US New Issue Subscription Service for your consideration www.shaulisstamps.com or contact Scott a scott@shaulisstamps.com.



Stamp News:



New Stamps 2020 United States Postal Service Stamps

The following Issue dates, stamp subjects and formats are tentative and subject to change. They are based on Linn's listing of projected 2020 releases.



***April 2, Contemporary Boutonniere.** One (55¢) forever special stamp, pane of 20; AP; Crestwood, KY 40014; *Linn's*, March 30, page 1; USPS item No. 572304 (pane); **572316 (FDC at 99¢); 572321 (color postmark FDC at \$1.70).**



***April 2, Garden Corsage.** One (70¢) 2-ounce rate special stamp, pane of 20; AP; Crestwood, KY 40014; *Linn's*, March 30, page 1; USPS item No. 585904 (pane); 585916 (FDC at \$1.14); 585921 (color postmark FDC at \$1.85).



***April 18, Earth Day.** One (55¢) forever definitive stamp, double-sided pane of 20; BCA; Denver, CO 80202; USPS item No. 682604 (pane); 682616 (FDC at 99¢); 682621 (color postmark FDC at \$1.70).



***April 24, Chrysanthemum.** One (\$1.20) global forever definitive stamp, *pane of 10*; *AP*; Burlingame, CA **94010**; *Linn's*, Jan. 20, page 10; *USPS item No. 572604 (pane)*, *572616 (FDC at \$1.64)*; *572621 (color postmark FDC at \$2.35)*.

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